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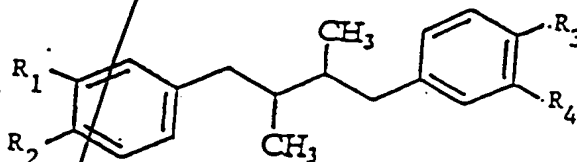
Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued September 28, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Amended) A method for suppressing viral growth in a host which [comprises] consists essentially of administering to the host an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each selected from the group consisting of HO--,